

Senate Study Bill 3280

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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
1 3 RESOLUTION BY CHAIRPERSON FRAISE)
1 4 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States
1 5 Congress to support the continuation of the horse
1 6 processing industry, including horse processing
1 7 facilities, the delivery and transportation of
1 8 horses for processing, and the export of products
1 9 processed at those facilities.
1 10 WHEREAS, horse processing is the most stringently regulated
1 11 of all animal harvesting industries; and
1 12 WHEREAS, horses are the only agricultural animals subjected
1 13 to federal regulation from transportation and delivery to
1 14 processing; and
1 15 WHEREAS, any federal effort to force the closure of horse
1 16 processing facilities and the elimination of export options
1 17 for horse-derived products would, according to estimates of
1 18 the horse welfare coalition, result in 90,000 to 100,000
1 19 unwanted horses annually which would be exposed to potential
1 20 abandonment and neglect; and
1 21 WHEREAS, the forced closure of horse processing facilities
1 22 and the elimination of export options for horse-derived
1 23 products would, according to estimates of the horse welfare
1 24 coalition, result in 90,000 to 100,000 unwanted horses
1 25 annually competing for adoption with 32,000 wild horses that
1 26 United States taxpayers are currently paying \$40 million to
1 27 shelter and feed; and
1 28 WHEREAS, the nation's inadequate, overburdened, and
1 29 unregulated horse rescue and adoption facilities could not
1 30 shelter, feed, and adopt the influx of the approximately
1 31 60,000 or more additional horses each year that, according to
1 32 the congressional research service, would result from a
1 33 prohibition upon the harvesting of horses; and
1 34 WHEREAS, many zoo animal diets rely on equine protein
1 35 because it mimics the diet that those zoo animals receive in
2 1 the wild; and
2 2 WHEREAS, a number of veterinarians and animal nutritionists
2 3 state that a diet which includes equine protein is the
2 4 healthiest for big cats and certain rare birds; and
2 5 WHEREAS, legislative measures proposed in the United States
2 6 Congress, including S. 311 and H.R. 503, would, if enacted,
2 7 close horse processing facilities that provide for the only
2 8 source for this meat that is inspected by the United States
2 9 department of agriculture; NOW THEREFORE,
2 10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 11 CONCURRING, That the General Assembly supports the
2 12 continuation of the horse processing industry, including horse
2 13 processing facilities, the delivery and transportation of
2 14 horses for processing, and the export of products processed at
2 15 those facilities; and
2 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States Congress is
2 17 urged to offer incentives that help expand the horse
2 18 processing industry throughout the United States, including
2 19 state-inspected horse harvest for export; and
2 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States Congress is
2 21 urged to support the continuation of existing horse processing
2 22 facilities and the establishment of new horse processing
2 23 facilities regulated by the United States department of
2 24 agriculture and state agencies; and
2 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States Congress is
2 26 urged to oppose legislative measures including S. 311 and H.R.
2 27 503, pending before the 110th Congress which threaten this
2 28 nation's horse processing industry; and
2 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly supports
2 30 the location of horse processing facilities on state, tribal,
2 31 or private lands under mutually acceptable and market-driven
2 32 land leases and, if necessary, a mutually acceptable
2 33 assignment of revenues that meet the needs of all parties
2 34 involved with those facilities; and
2 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this
3 1 Resolution be sent to the President of the United States
3 2 Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of

3 3 Representatives; the Chairperson of the United States Senate
3 4 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; the
3 5 Chairperson of the United States House of Representatives
3 6 Committee on Agriculture; the Secretary of the United States
3 7 Department of Agriculture; and the members of Iowa's
3 8 congressional delegation.
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